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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE
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Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the examiner date, May 30, 2006, rejecting the following claims 1-20. The fee for this Notice of Appeal is (37 CFR 1.17(B)) \$500.00.

(complete (a) or (b) as applicable)

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